

Juneau, Alaska (KINY) - The Norwegian Encore, the last cruise ship to visit the capital city, left on October 18th.

According to the Juneau Port Director Carl Uchityl, Juneau welcomed 1,167,194 passengers during the 2022 post pandemic cruise season.

He breakdown of the months and the percentage of sailing capacity:

	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	Season Totals
Total Capacity	8,398	260,244	326,497	335,348	351,015	252,651	38,355	1,572,508
Actual	3,927	167,049	237,180	265,043	278,468	191,032	24,495	1,167,194
Percent Capacity	47%	64%	73%	79%	79%	76%	64%	74%

The 2022 passenger numbers are above 2018 but below 2019.

As travelers continue to be more comfortable in cruising, Uchityl wrote that 2023 will be certain to exceed previous record numbers. Here's a year-by-year breakdown:

Year	Cruise Passengers
2016	992,092
2017	1,046,587
2018	1,118,897
2019	1,273,364
2020	0
2021	114,031
2022	1,167,194

The numbers do not include passengers from the smaller US-flagged cruise ships, which Uchityl said is approximately 10,000 passengers annually.

It is estimated that cruise passenger spending contributes to over \$200M to CBJ businesses. The first 2023 scheduled ship will arrive Juneau on April 17.

Source: <https://www.kinyradio.com/news/news-of-the-north/juneau-port-director-reports-final-2022-visitor-tally/>, retrieved November 9, 2022.